

# Rat Tumor Necrosis Factor Alpha Detection ELISA Kit

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## PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

DESCRIPTION:	ELISA Kit to quantify Rat TNF- $\alpha$
FORMAT:	Pre-coated 96-well ELISA Plate with removeable strips
ASSAY TYPE:	Sandwich ELISA
ASSAY TIME:	4 hours
STANDARD RANGE:	5000 - 78 pg/ml
NUMBER OF SAMPLES:	Up to 40 (duplicate) samples/plate
SAMPLE TYPES:	Culture Media, Serum, and Plasma
RECOMMENDED SAMPLE DILUTIONS:	1:1 (at least)
CHROMOGEN:	TMB (read at 450 nm)
STORAGE:	-20°C for 12 months
VALIDATION DATA:	Intra-Assay (1.1-21%)/Inter-Assay (12.7-20.7%)/Spiking Test (88-94%)
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Chondrex, Inc. provides a rat tumor necrosis factor alpha (TNF- $\alpha$ ) quantitative ELISA kit for cell culture, serum, and plasma samples.

### KIT COMPONENTS

Item	Quantity	Amount	Storage
Rat TNF- $\alpha$ Standard (69011)	2 vials	5000 pg, lyophilized	-20°C
Detection Antibody (69013)	2 vials	50 $\mu$ l	-20°C
Solution B - Sample/Standard/Detection Antibody Dilution Buffer (67015)	1 Bottle	50 ml	-20°C
Solution D - Streptavidin Peroxidase Dilution Buffer (9055)	1 Bottle	20 ml	-20°C
Streptavidin Peroxidase (9029)	2 vials	50 $\mu$ l	-20°C
TMB (90023)	2 vials	200 $\mu$ l	-20°C
Chromogen Dilution Buffer (90022)	1 Bottle	20 ml	-20°C
Stop Solution - 2N Sulfuric Acid (9016)	1 Bottle	10 ml	-20°C
Wash Buffer, 20X (9005)	1 Bottle	50 ml	-20°C
Capture Antibody Coated 96-Well ELISA Plate (Blue)	1 each	8-well Strips x12	-20°C

### NOTES BEFORE USING ASSAY

NOTE 1: It is recommended that the standard and samples be run in duplicate.

NOTE 2: Warm up all buffers to room temperature before use.

NOTE 3: Crystals may form in Wash Buffer, 20X when stored at cold temperatures. If crystals have formed, warm the wash buffer by placing the bottle in warm water until crystals are completely dissolved.

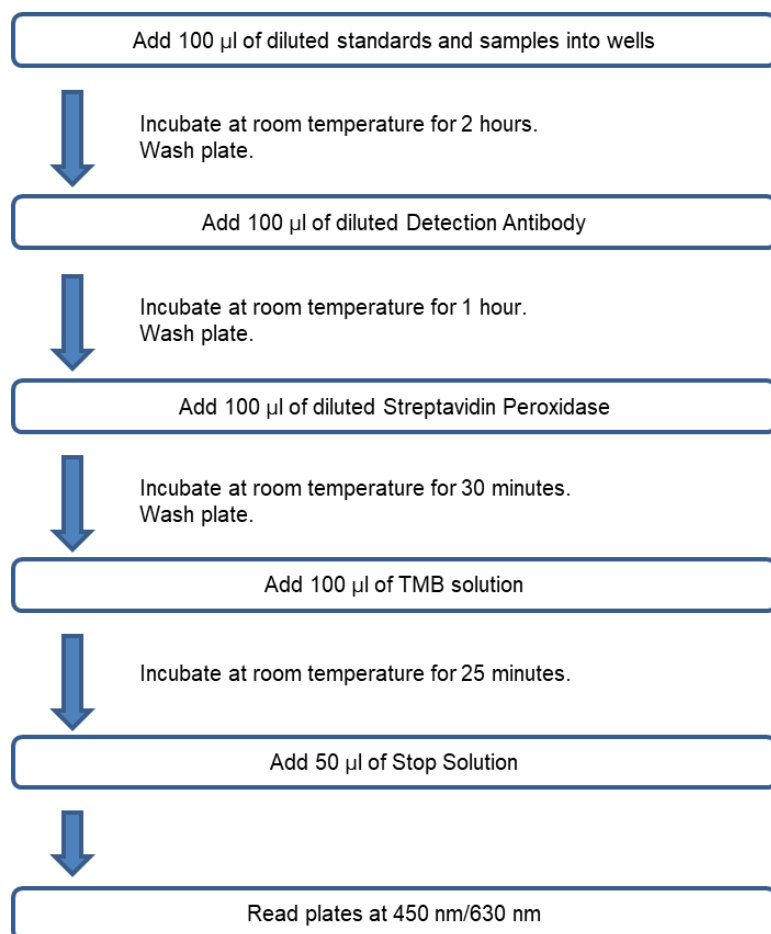
NOTE 4: Measure exact volume of buffers using a serological pipet, as extra buffer is provided.

NOTE 5: Cover the plate with plastic wrap or a plate sealer after each step to prevent evaporation from the outside wells of the plate.

NOTE 6: For partial reagent use, please see the assay protocol's corresponding step for the appropriate dilution ratio. For example, if the protocol dilutes 50  $\mu$ l of a stock solution in 10 ml of buffer for 12 strips, then for 6 strips, dilute 25  $\mu$ l of the stock solution in 5 ml of buffer. Partially used stock reagents may be kept in their original vials and stored at -20°C for use in a future assay.

NOTE 7: This kit contains animal components from non-infectious animals and should be treated as potential biohazards in use and for disposal.

## ASSAY OUTLINE

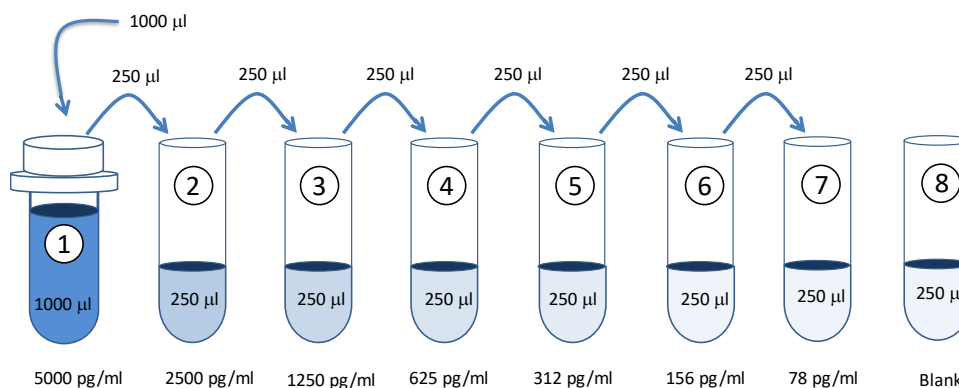


## PLATE MAPPING

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	5000	5000	S1	S1	S9	S9	S17	S17	S25	S25	S33	S33
B	2500	2500	S2	S2	S10	S10	S18	S18	S26	S26	S34	S34
C	1250	1250	S3	S3	S11	S11	S19	S19	S27	S27	S35	S35
D	630	630	S4	S4	S12	S12	S20	S20	S28	S28	S36	S36
E	310	310	S5	S5	S13	S13	S21	S21	S29	S29	S37	S37
F	160	160	S6	S6	S14	S14	S22	S22	S30	S30	S38	S38
G	80	80	S7	S7	S15	S15	S23	S23	S31	S31	S39	S39
H	B	B	S8	S8	S16	S16	S24	S24	S32	S32	S40	S40
	Standards		Samples									

## ASSAY PROCEDURE

1. **Prepare Standard Dilutions:** The recommended standard range is 78 - 5000 pg/ml. Dissolve one vial of Rat TNF- $\alpha$  standard in 1 ml of Sample/Standard/Detection Antibody Dilution Buffer (Solution B) for the 5000 pg/ml standard. Then serially dilute it with Solution B. For example, mix 250  $\mu$ l of the standard (5000 pg/ml) with an equal volume of Solution B to make a 2500 pg/ml solution, and then repeat it five more times for 1250, 625, 312, 156, and 78 pg/ml solutions. The remaining 5000 pg/ml standard stock may be stored at -20°C for use in a second assay. Chondrex, Inc. recommends making fresh serial dilutions for each assay.



2. **Prepare Samples:**

**Cell Culture Media:** Remove cell debris and insoluble precipitate by centrifuging at 10,000 rpm for 5 minutes. When not in use, store the supernatant samples at -20°C; avoid repeat freeze-thaw cycles.

**Serum\*:** Clot blood samples by incubating samples at room temperature for 2 hours. Collect serum by centrifuging samples at 10,000 rpm for 5 minutes. When not in use, store the serum supernatant samples at -20°C; avoid repeat freeze-thaw cycles.

**Plasma\*:** Collect plasma samples with the use of anticoagulants such as heparin. Collect plasma by centrifuging samples at 10,000 rpm for 5 minutes within 30 minutes of blood collection. When not in use, store the plasma supernatant samples at -20°C; avoid repeat freeze-thaw cycles.

**NOTE:** Using lipemic (cloudy) samples may affect assay results. The stored samples must be centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for an additional 5 minutes before the assay.

**Dilution:** Dilute samples at least 1:1 with Solution B depending on the estimated TNF- $\alpha$  level in the samples. Two to three different sample dilutions are recommended if the TNF- $\alpha$  levels in the samples are unknown.

**NOTE:** Samples must be diluted with Solution B to maintain optimal assay conditions.

3. **Add Standards and Samples:** Add 100  $\mu$ l of Solution B (blank), standards, and samples to designated wells in duplicate and incubate at room temperature for 2 hours.
4. **Dilute Wash Buffer:** Dilute 50 ml of Wash Buffer, 20X in 950 ml of distilled water (1X wash buffer). Wash the plate with 1X wash buffer at least 3 times using a wash bottle with manifold or an automated plate washer. Empty the plate by inverting it and blotting on a paper towel to remove excess liquid. *Do not allow the plate to dry out.*

5. **Add Detection Antibody Solution:** Prepare the detection antibody solution with Sample/Standard/Detection Antibody Dilution Buffer (Solution B) as shown in the following table. Add 100 µl of detection antibody solution to each well and incubate at room temperature for 1 hour.

Strip #	Detection Antibody (µl)	Solution B (ml)
2	17	1.7
4	33	3.3
6	50	5.0
8	66	6.6
10	82	8.2
12	100	10.0

6. **Wash:** Wash the plate with 1X wash buffer at least 3 times using a wash bottle with manifold or an automated plate washer. Empty the plate by inverting it and blotting on a paper towel to remove excess liquid. *Do not allow the plate to dry out.*
7. **Add Streptavidin Peroxidase Solution:** Prepare streptavidin peroxidase solution with Streptavidin Peroxidase Dilution Buffer (Solution D) as shown in the following table. Add 100 µl of streptavidin peroxidase solution to each well and incubate at room temperature for 30 minutes.

Strip #	Streptavidin Peroxidase (µl)	Solution D (ml)
2	17	1.7
4	33	3.3
6	50	5.0
8	66	6.6
10	82	8.2
12	100	10.0

8. **Wash:** Wash the plate with 1X wash buffer at least 3 times using a wash bottle with manifold or an automated plate washer. Empty the plate by inverting it and blotting on a paper towel to remove excess liquid. *Do not allow the plate to dry out.*
9. **Add TMB Solution:** Dilute one vial of TMB in 10 ml of Chromogen Dilution Buffer just prior to use. Add 100 µl of TMB solution to all wells immediately after washing the plate and incubate for 25 minutes at room temperature.

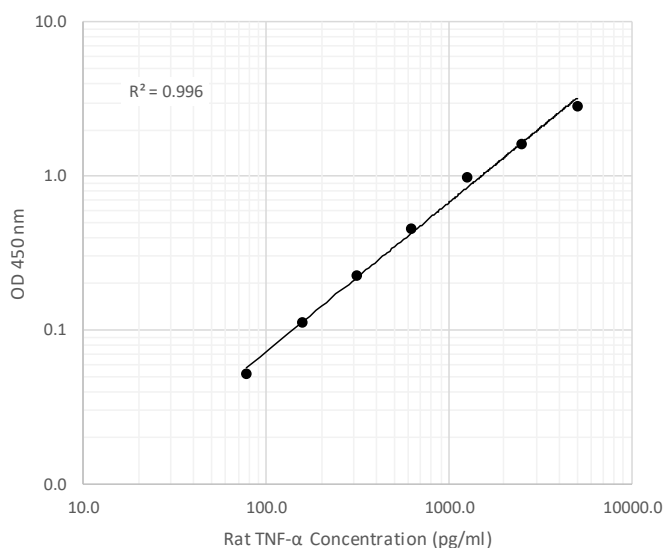
Strip #	TMB (µl)	Chromogen Dilution Buffer (ml)
2	34	1.7
4	66	3.3
6	100	5.0
8	132	6.6
10	164	8.2
12	200	10.0

10. **Stop:** Stop the reaction with 50 µl of 2N Sulfuric Acid (Stop Solution) to each well.
11. **Read Plate:** Read the OD values at 450 nm. If the OD values of samples are greater than the OD values of the highest standard, re-assay the samples at a higher dilution. A 630 nm filter can be used as a reference.

## CALCULATING RESULTS

1. Average the duplicate OD values for the blank, standards, and test samples.
2. Subtract the "blank" (B) values from the averaged OD values in step 1.
3. Plot the OD values of standards against the concentration of Rat TNF- $\alpha$  (pg/ml). Using a log/log plot will linearize the data. Figure 1 shows a representative experiment where the standard range is 78 - 5000 pg/ml.
4. The pg/ml of TNF- $\alpha$  in test samples can be calculated using regression analysis.

Figure 1 - A Typical Standard Curve for the Rat TNF- $\alpha$  Detection ELISA Kit



## ASSAY VALIDATION

Table 1 - Reproducibility Data for the Rat TNF- $\alpha$  Detection ELISA Kit

Test	156 pg/ml	625 pg/ml	2500 pg/ml
Intra-Assay CV (%)	21.0	3.1	1.1
Inter-Assay CV (%)	12.7	18.5	20.7
Spike Test* (%)	88%	90%	94%

\* Known amounts of Rat TNF- $\alpha$  were added to samples and then diluted with Sample/Standard/Detection Antibody Dilution Buffer (Solution B).

## TROUBLESHOOTING

For frequently asked questions about assays and ELISAs, please see Chondrex, Inc.'s [ELISA FAQ](#) for more information.